THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA : (a) There is no such exodus.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The provisions in the ONGC regulations governing employment after retirement are felt to be adequate.

Cylinders Stolen from the Godowns

349. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cylinders stolen from the godowns of L.P.G. dealers during the last three years State-wise; company-wise;

(b) the number of thefts detected and property recovered;

(c) if so, whether the cylinders were insured by the owning oil Co. if so, at what rate and the amount realised from the underwriter; and

(d) whether it is a fact that oil companies are charging Rs. 1500/- from the dealers for the stolen cylinder despite lodging F.I.R. with police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) A statement is given as annexure [*See* Appendix CL XVII, Annexure No. 6]

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Cylinders which are in possession of the LPG distributors are not insured by the Oil Companies. However, distributors normally take insurance cover for cylinders in stock with them.

(d) Wherever theft is established, recovery is made at the rate of Rs. 550/- per cylinder. In all others cases of loss etc., recovery is made @ Rs. 1500/- per cylinder.

Unauthorised gas connections

350. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases registered against unauthorised gas connection holders, equipment manufacturers under LPG Control Order, during last three years State-wise, oil company-wise;

(b) the total number of cylinders and equipments confiscated, State-wise and oil company-wise; and

(c) what is the value of the confiscated material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) A statement is given in the annexure [*See* Appendix CL XVII, Annexure No. 7]

(c) The total value of the confiscated material amounts to Rs. 9.23 lakhs (approx.)

Impact of rise in price of crude oil

351. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the international price of crude oil has increased by $2 to $ 20 a barrel recently;

(b) if so, what is its estimated impact on the India's crude oil imports vis-a-vis oil pool account;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the prices of petroleum products to curtail deficit in oil pool account; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The monthly